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REMARKS

Claims 12, 19, 20 and 22-24 are allowed in this application. In response to a telephone call from Kay Pinkney of Quality Assurance on August 26, 2004, it was brought to the undersigned's attention that there was an error in the Cross-Reference to related applications and the chain of priority in the above-noted application. The error is the inclusion of U.S. Patent Application No. 10/139,477 within the chain. The claim to earlier filed parent application (U.S. Application No. 09/201,599), which was filed prior to the above-noted application and was co-pending at the time of the filing of the above-noted application, is correct. The above-noted application (09/437,948) is a continuation-in-part of Application No. 09/201,599. The inclusion of U.S. Application No. 10/138,477 in the chain of priority for the above-noted application was done inadvertently and does not affect applicants' ability to rely on the November 29, 1998 priority date of Application No. 09/210,599.

Applicants have accordingly corrected the priority claim by correcting the Cross-Reference to Related Applications section and by enclosing a Second Supplemental Declaration with a corrected priority claim. No new matter has been added by these amendments. In view of the foregoing Amendment and discussion, applicants respectfully request issuance of a U.S. Patent based on the Notice of Allowance and corrected priority information.

Respectfully submitted,

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